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In re Application of:
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DECISION ON PETITION TO
WITHDRAW THE HOLDING
OF ABANDONMENT

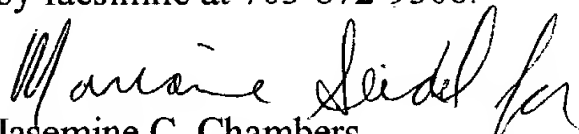
This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR. § 1.181(a) and MPEP 711.03(c) filed on September 13, 2004, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application based on non-receipt of an Office action and to restore the application to a pending status.

A review of the file history shows that, after the RCE was filed, the Office mailed a first Office action, setting a three-month statutory time period for reply, to applicants on November 19, 2003. On August 16, 2004 the examiner mailed a notice of abandonment for failure to respond to the outstanding Office action.

Applicants state that the Office action of November 19, 2003 was never received and provides as evidence thereof a copy of the attorney docket report where the Office action would have been entered, if received, showing non-receipt of the Office action. Based on the evidence presented, it is concluded that applicants never received the Office action. In view thereof, the Notice of Abandonment mailed August 16, 2004, is vacated and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing date of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**. The application will be forwarded to the examiner for prompt mailing of a new Office action.

Should there be any questions about this decision, please contact Marianne C. Seidel by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0584 or by facsimile at 703-872-9306.


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